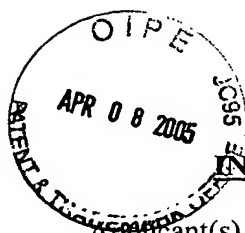


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For:	Aqueous Shellac Coating Agent and Production Process Therefor, and Coated Food and Production Process Therefor, Coated Drug and Production Process Therefor, Glazing composition for Oil-Based Confectionary, Glazing Process, and Glazed Oil-Based Confectionary Using Same		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In an Office Action mailed March 8, 2005, the Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement to one of the following inventions under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121:

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| Group I. | Claims 1-12, drawn to a shellac coating agent, classified in class 106, subclass 238+. |
| Group II. | Claims 13-18, drawn to a process of making I, classified in class 366, subclass 69+. |
| Group III. | Claims 19-22, drawn to a coated food, classified in class 426, subclass 89+. |
| Group IV. | Claims 23-29, drawn to a coated drug, classified in class 424, subclass 500+. |

Group V. Claims 30-41, drawn to a glaze, classified in class 106, subclass 217.4+.

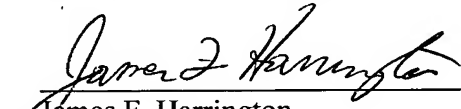
Group VI. Claims 42-49, drawn to a glazing method and glazed confectionary made thereby, classified in class 426, subclass 103+.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims of the non-elected Groups in divisional applications.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the subject matter defined by the claims of Group I (claims 1-12), without traverse.

It is now believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues are required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' agent at the telephone number provided below.

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